



South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry

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Requirements for Licensure

Opticianry Licensure

A person is qualified to receive a certificate of licensure if the following requirements are met:

- Submission of a completed application and payment of licensure fee(s).
- Graduate from an accredited high school or GED completion.
- Pass the American Board of Opticianry (ABO) Examination.
- Pass the Practical Opticianry Examination.
- Completion of one (1) of the following:
 - Graduate from a two-year ophthalmic dispensing program accredited by the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation.
 - Hold a current, in good standing, optician's license from another licensing state.
 - Have been employed at least two years as an optician in a state that does not license opticians; must document employment.
 - Complete a South Carolina Registered Apprenticeship Program under a S.C. state licensed optician, optometrist or ophthalmologist.

Applicants will be made eligible for the Practical Opticianry Examination after a completed application is submitted to the Board. Additional information and exam registration information will be sent following the processing of the application.

Contact Lens Dispensing Licensure

A person is qualified to receive a certificate of licensure if the following requirements are met:

- Submission of a completed application and payment of licensure fee
- Pass the National Contact Lens Examiners (NCLE) examination
- Hold a current, in good standing, SC Opticianry License